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## Cities get millions for road projects

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The cities of Redmond, Renton and Kent each will receive more than \$2 million in state money to help pay for local street and transportation projects.

Those grants were among \$70.3 million awarded to projects across the state by the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board.

About \$16.4 million of that total went to 11 cities in King County. The final awards were approved by board members at their meeting Friday in SeaTac.

With insufficient funding for all needed transportation projects, the state Legislature created the board to distribute state funds to local projects, based on a priority basis. Cities applying for those state funds must provide part of the funding for the projects.

The board annually receives far more requests for funds than are available. The funds come from a share of the state gasoline tax allocated for local projects.

The local projects receiving funds, and total project costs, include:

- \* Redmond -- \$2.25 million for improvements to Union Hill Road between Avondale Road and 178th Place Northeast; total cost, \$3.75 million.
- \* Renton -- \$2.2 million for widening of Maple Valley Highway from Sunset Boulevard to Blaine Drive Southeast; total cost, \$3.7 million.
- \* Kent -- \$1.94 million for widening 116th Avenue Southeast between southeast 272nd and 256th streets; total cost, \$3.24 million. And \$150,000 for sidewalks on the East Valley Highway near South 212th Street; total cost, \$346,400.
- \* Black Diamond-- \$100,000 for sidewalks on Morgan Street; total cost, \$231,150.
- \* North Bend -- \$500,000 for Cedar Falls Way roundabout; total cost, \$858,300. And \$100,000 for sidewalks on Downing Avenue; total cost, \$150,000.
- \* Sammamish -- \$150,000 for sidewalks on Northeast Eighth Street between 228th and 244th avenue northeast; total cost, \$224,933.
- \* Snoqualmie -- \$1.71 million for improvements on State Route 202 from Mill

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Pond Road to northwest city limits; total cost, \$2.85 million.



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